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Title : SUPPORT FRAME BARBECUE GRILL ASSEMBLY

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire on December 9, 2003. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 9, 2003

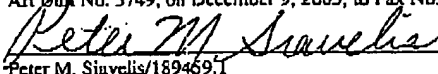
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SECOND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

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This Second Reply and the amendments herein are responsive to the Final Office Action of September 9, 2003. This Reply is being filed within the three month statutory period, and after the filing of a prior Reply and receiving Examiner's Advisory Action.

Please amend the above-identified Application as indicated herein. The claim amendments are made according to Examiner's invitation to amend to resolve rejection of claims based on 35 U.S.C. §112. These amendments are in accordance with the amendment expressed to Examiner during the December 5, 2003 telephone conference. Applicants thank Examiner for the courtesy of the telephonic conference with Applicants' attorney, and endeavor to provide explanation regarding the allowability of the amended claims still pending.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, and remarks/explanations follow.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.